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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

II. INFORMATION ON TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF COMPETITION POLICY BY MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

After paragraph 16, insert:

FINLAND

16 bis. The Government of Finland stated that:

"Since November 1992, Finland has provided bilateral technical assistance in the field of competition policy to Estonia. There has been exchange of information on competition matters between the Office of Free Competition and the Estonian authorities. The Office of Free Competition has also given advisory services as regards the drafting of the Estonian Competition Act. Furthermore, in April 1993 officials from the Office of Free Competition participated as speakers in a seminar on natural monopolies organized in Estonia.

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"The Office of Free Competition participated in competition seminars organized by the European Free Trade Association in Bulgaria and Romania in June 1993. The other speakers at these seminars were from the EFTA Secretariat and the Swedish Competition Authority."

PORTUGAL

The Government of Portugal stated that:

"Angola and Cape Verde were the two recipient countries of the most recent technical assistance activities provided by Portugal:

- For Angola: eight weeks training programme (September/October 1992) of four officials from the Price and Competition Department of the Ministry of Finance of Angola in the Portuguese General Directorate for Competition and Prices in the field of price and RBP's control policy, followed by the settlement of an 'on line' advisory service scheme between the competent authorities of Portugal and Angola. In April 1993, two other officials from the Price and Competition Department of the Ministry of Finance of Angola initiated a training programme in the Portuguese General Directorate for Competition and Prices;

- For Cape Verde: settlement of an advisory and documentation service scheme between the competent authorities of Portugal and Cape Verde in the field of competition and RBP's control policy."